# MANS SLAUGHTERED THEIR OWN COMRADES

tempting to Surrender to British Troops.

anger Spectacle Than When -Coated Saxons Are Mowed by Prussian Infantry in t of Enemy Troops.

l Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] ON, May 23.—The official press to-night issued the following ated May 21:

action during the first half lating and expanding the gain

g on on this front when the of a battallon of Saxons, havied to surrender en bloc, adour infantry poured a hail of into them, whereupon the surtheir rifles and held up

th realized what their Saxon

telephoned to the German further east, since their guns der this combined fire most the masses of gray-coated standing with open hands red by their own comrades yes of the British infantry. not that the victims of th were Saxons was a source of ways proved themselves more is and Bavarians, and cleane

have made good progress south of Festubert further lateral progress. In ices the trenches presented a sight, being heaped high with orpses, many of which were as carried out previous to the

#### G COULD DAMPEN

ARDOR OF SOLDIERS front had to a great extent Many were wet into deep ditches. taken from our dead, aded out in actual English, 'Don't are Grenadier Guards. trenches and walked a few

ds the supposed Grenadiers suddenly fired upon, but, luckunhit. The men, who were

forward 500 yards, capturing sroads of La Quinque Rue. By il we had established a line due north. In the evening ops seized a post held by the s about 300 yards southeast of inque Rue and retained their

#### N IN POSSESSION

OF TWO STRONGHOLDS he left the enemy still remained ssion of two strongholds, Ferme e and Ferme Dubois. These vere very strongly defended. stituted little fortresses, bristith machine guns.

Tuesday night the total number oners since the 16th had into 608, in addition to several

the 10th of May, during a preaction, a somewhat inexplicable nce is reported to have ocnear our center. Some of our y attempted to advance from one After those who were able turned to the trench, an officer red that the clothing of two of , who were still lying in front enemy's trench, had been set n some manner. Since no oil ets have been seen in use by mans, it is supposed they must The next day the bodies were

gial to The Times-Dispatch.] aual debate between the Washand Jefferson literary societies Iniversity of Virginia, was won former society, which was rep-ed by the following men: E. Gil-uryls, of Ashton, Md., and Carleunders Penn. of the university, uestion debated pertained to the of judges and offered grounds for orrest and Johnson were judges indered a unanimous decision in

of the debaters of the Washing.

dety the Harrison trophy,

Vashington Wins Debate.

### VILLA LOSES 2,000 WHEN HE EVACUATES MONTEREY

ed by Merciless Fire While Reported as Leaving This Number Behind in Dead, Wounded and Prisoners.

Fourteen Troop Trains, With Complete Equipment, Fall Into Hands of Victorious Carranza Army-Obregon Defeated Near Celaya.

WASHINGTON, May 23 .- Dispatches from Vera Cruz made public to-night by the Carranza agency said the Villa forces left behind 2,000 killed, wounded and prisoners when they evacuated Monterey last week, and that fourteen troop trains, with complete equipment, k consisted almost entirely in fell into the hands of the victorious Carranza army. The Villa generals, Pereyra, and Carrera Torres, it was said, were captured at Paredon and

Complete victory for the Villa forces ver the Carranza army under Obregon in the battle near Celaya yesterday was claimed to-night by the Villa agency here, on the strength of a dispatch from Diaz Lombardo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at Chihuahua.

The message, dated at Chihuahua today, as made public by the agency follows

"An engagement was fought yester day at points between Leon and Silao, between the forces of General Villa and those of General Obregon, resulting in the complete rout of the latter. A part of our forces occupied Silao, It killed twenty soldiers and one woman. day at points between Leon and Silao, while the remainder actively engaged the Prussian infantry to in the pursuit of the enemy, driving blized what their Saxon him beyond Celaya. This pursuit is in the pursuit of the enemy, driving him beyond Celaya. This pursuit is being continued. Large quantities of war material were taken, including small arms, ammunition and some field artillery. Nearly all of Obregon's trains fell into our hands. Details "Two shells struck it made a tremendous hole, and all fell within an area of a square mile. The vacuum caused by the explosion of the shells was so strong that it literally sucked up any one in the vicinity and threw them to the ground.

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"General Villa will shortly issue a proclamation of amnesty in favor of those Carranzistas who wish to surrender, and which will be applicable to all political offenders whose acts are deemed to have been seriously

### Allies Give Warning to Sublime Porte

Will Hold Members of Government Responsible for Massacre of Armenians.

LONDON, May 23 .- A joint official Russia, issued to-night, says:

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"For the past month Kurds and the Turkish population of Armenia have been massacring Armenians with the connivance and help of the Ottoman authorities. Such massacres took place is from a military view was entirely satisfactory. Dunkirk has been rendered untenable as a base. All the soldiers, have evacuated the barracks, and the wounded also have been removed.

"The gun was situated twenty-eight miles away, just beyond Dixmude. It was apparently fired from a military view was entirely satisfactory. thorities. Such massacres took place was apparently fired from a concrete about the middle of April at Erzerum, base, which, according to military about the middle of April at Erzerum, base, which, according Dertshau, Moush, Zeitum and in all men, had not thoroug

town itself, the Armenian quarter is besieged by Kurds. At the same time the Ottoman government at Constanfoot, they having, during the tinople is raging against the inoffensive Armenian population.

"In the face of these fresh crimes print it. ighting seemed to affect them committed by Turkey, the allies' gov-y the memory of the fatal Lusisomething to do with their lime Porte that they will hold all memon the enemy, bers of the government, as well as such incident occurred dur- of their agents as are implicated, perthe destruction of a sonally responsible for such massacres."

#### the trenches held by us. ITALIANS IN AUSTRIA ACTUALLY BEING HUNTED

Fate of 600 Who Left Trieste for Rome Is Unknown-Prevented From Leaving Enemy Countries.

ROME (via Paris), May 23 .- The refor the reason that Italy not only per- great-grandchildren. mitted the departure of Austrians and Germans from Italian soil, but protected those nationals.

From the Austrian side of the frontier, news reaches Udine that the Italian residents are actually being hunted, and that the fate of 600 who left by his wife and one son. Trieste hoping to reach Italy is unknown, and that the greatest anxiety for their safety is felt.

an citizens have been arrested. luced one-fifth. During the last two one daughter, Miss Hope Stuart. trenches, but were prevented by days the inhabitants have been terrinemy's rifle fire from making fied by the explosion of mines, with fied by the explosion of mines, with which the military authorities were destroying houses, bridges and everything within fortified zone that might interfere with future artillery actions. The remainder of the residents of Trent have been notified to be in readiness to leave instantly.

Mrs. J. W. Kelster.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PULASKI, VA., May 23.—Mrs. J. W. Kelster, wife of Dr. Kelster, after a prolonged illness, was found dead in bed to-day. She was a native of Salisbury, N. C., and was about fifty years old. Her husband and three children survive.

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#### ITALIAN CATHOLICS

FREE TO ACT IN WAR PARIS, May 23.-A Temps dispatch rom Rome says:

prepared a document justifying the Estill. Vatican for its decision to maintain absolute neutrality, but leaving Italian Catholics free to act in the war, acengaging the responsibility of the Holy

of judges and offered grounds for "It is said the Pope will protest out arguments. Professors Hunformally against the expulsion of the overlap devent of the four-day occasion comes with the commencement address on Austrian ambassador and the German ministers accredited to the Vatican, de-This gives the Washingclaring it is contrary to the guaran-

### GREAT HAVOC WROUGHT BY SHELLS IN DUNKIRK

About 300 People Killed or Wounded by German Guns, Twenty-Eight Miles Away.

F WAR'S FEARFUL SCENES TWO GENERALS ARE EXECUTED PLACE IS MADE UNTENABLE

Have Evacuated Barracks and Wounded Are Removed. From Military Viewpoint of En-

emy, Bombardment Is Satisfactory. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 23 .- A thrilling ory of the havoc wrought in Dunthe huge German guns that shelled the town from a point twenty-eight miles away, was told to-day by John P. Brady, a Chicago newspaper man, who returned on the White Star

man, who returned on the liner Adriatic.
Brady was in Dunkirk during the second hombardment with John Borden, the Chicago millionaire, and members of the New York Vacht Club. Both

TWENTY SOLDIERS KILLED WHEN FIRST SHELL STRIKES

"Wherever a shell struck it made a

"Two shells struck a nouse next to the military hospital, completely de-molishing it. The concussion caused by the explosions was so great that forty seriously wounded soldiers in the hospital were killed.
"Another shell hit the railroad sta-

"Another shell nit the railroad station and killed three men. One struck the Casino, killing several. I afterwards went into this building, and the effect of the explosion had been so tremendous that the bones of one victime and been driven into the wood. tim had been driven into the wood-"One shell chugged into the bay,

"One shell chugged into the bay, and a second later the waters of the harbor seemed to heave upward in a solid body. All the torpedo craft lying there immediately put to sea at

full speed.
"The second day only eight shells were fired. Throughout the bombardment a German Taube aeroplane circled above the city signaling to the distant gunners. The French gunners trained their antiaircraft guns and rifles at the aviator, but failed to drive him off.

ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY tatement by Great Britain, France and from a military view was entirely sat-"The result of the bombardment

Cilicia.

"Inhabitants of about 100 villages near Van were assassinated. In the town itself, the Armenian quarter is to be printed. When we arrived London I offered the story to the Daily Mail, but was told they could not

Mr. Borden, who returned with Brady,

battlefields in France is the rapid manoutteneds in France is the rapid man-ner in which all battle scars are re-moved as soon as an action is over. Soldiers and civilians alike are set to work immediately after a shell has landed to clear away the debris and remove all trace."

#### DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Zach L. Damron.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 23.—

Zach L. Damron, aged eighty-six years,

dead at his home at Rockfish. He is ROME (via Paris), May 23.—The reprepared for possible treachery, lately opened fire and charged he bayonet. Some of the Gerstood and fought, but at last of them turned and tried to estable the afternoon of Tuesday, the later advance was made along other and on the right we forced.

ROME (via Paris), May 23.—The report reaching Rome that the German and Austrian governments have preported and fought, but at last of them turned and tried to estable and a profound impression. The Giornale D'Italia declines to believe the report, not only because this would be opposed to the rights of nations, but for the reason that Italy not only person and Miss Carries and Miss Ella Damron, aged eighty-six years, is dead at his home at Rockfish. He is survived by his wife and eight children.—T. L. Damron and Miss Carries and a profound impression. The Giornale D'Italia declines to believe the report, not only because this would be opposed to the rights of nations, but for the reason that Italy not only person.

John P. Plummer.
PETERSBURG, VA., May 23.—John P. Plummer, aged fifty-eight years, died very suddenly at his residence

W. C. Stuart. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] At Rovigno, in Istria, sixty-two Ital-an citizens have been arrested.

LEXINGTON, VA., May 23.—W. C. Stuart, aged seventy years, died last night at his home in Lexington after ian citizens have been arrested.

These include the Mayor and the secretary of the municipality. All Italian citizens residing near the fortifications of Pola have been taken into custody by the police, and at Cormons, on the frontier, 1,000 Italians, for the most part women and children, have been concentrated and prevented from leaving the territory. The population of the town of Trent, one of Austria's strongly fortified towns, has been resulting the last two due to the manufacture of the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth. During the last two due to the survived by his wife, who was an duced one-fifth.

Mrs. J. W. Kelster.

husband, had been stopping at Maple Shade Inn since Friday, died to-day after an illness of a few hours. Their residence is Muskogee, Okla. The body will be taken to Lexington, Va., for burial on Monday. She was a native "It is stated that Pope Benedict has of Covington, Va., and was Miss Mono

Palmer to Deliver Address. CHAPEL HILL, May 23.—Prepara

tions are being made in Chapel Hill cording to their own desires, without for the approaching 120th commencement of the University of North Caro-The exercises will begin lina. June 2. Judge A. Mitchell Palmer. Stroudsburg, Pa., prominent in political affairs at Washington, will deliver the commencement address.

## NO FEAR OF BELGIANS STARVING OVERNIGHT

Warehouses of American Commission at Various Centers Well Stocked With Supplies.

Managers Make Actual Gain in Efficlency, With Enormous Simplification in Methods—Actual Course of Cargo Followed to Its Distribution.

LONDON, May 23 .- The warehouses of the American Commission for the whereby the commission agrees to pay Relief of Belgium at Rotterdam and for the labor and actual cost of operasufficiently well stocked so that the without fearing that the Beigians will baby canteens.

without fearing that the Belgians will starve over night.

One of the hardest problems with which the commission had to deal was the fact that belligerent nations refused to permit the purchase within their boundaries of foodstuffs for the Belgian sufferers. den, the Chicago millionaire, and member of the New York Yacht Club. Both had been acting as chauffeurs of hos-fused to permit the purchase within pital supply trucks attached to the their boundaries of foodstuffs for the hospital established by Mr. Borden's Belgian sufferers. It was consequently necessary to obtain all the food overhospital established by Mr. Borden's sister, Mrs. Mary Borden Turner.

"There were two bombardments," said Mr. Brady to-day. "The first took place on April 22 and 23, and the second on April 23 and 30. We were in Dunkirk when the second bombardment commenced at 10:30 o'clock on the 29th. It lasted that day until 2:30 P. M., during which time twenty shells P. M., during which time twenty shells upon the goods in transit, and the with a diameter of nineteen and a half inches, were hurled into the town. communes to bring up the stock goods in transit as high sometimes as \$20,000,000. In the early days the com-mission would have to send canal boats first to one part of Belgium and then to another where the supplies were within less than twenty-four hours of exhaustion.

At first the commission endeavored to signed to them to the actually desti-tute persons. Within a week they signed to them to the actuary to tute persons. Within a week th found an enormous amount of diculty and confusion arising out this arrangement, because it wo munes in Belgium, and at the same time to ship parallel with it a large quantity of foodstuffs, consigning them for the purposes of sale for those who could pay. This meant a duplica-tion of the entire transport organiza-tion, and, in fact, was quite impossible because no gift cargo was sufficient in size to distribute over 3,000 communes; and the next thing the commission found was that it was borrowing from nevolent department. The direct business minds of the managers untied this knot by a very simple device, by which they sold all of the gift food from the benevolent department to theprovisioning department. The be-nevolent department instead of having foodstuffs, thus had cash in hand. This communal authorities with this money purchased their required imports from the sales department. The result was an enormous simplification in the work and an actual gain in efficiency, as the communes were then able to buy pre-cisely what they required for each individual and local institution.

ACTUAL COURSE OF CARGO

actual course of a cargo of foodstuffs of Argentine wheat. One of the largest firms of grain buyers in the Ar- from the very large quantity of pota-gentine undertook to make purchases toes now being imported. The comon behalf of the commission without be purchased in one of the central at Antwerp and has Argentine provinces, transported to throughout the country.

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less than the usual rates by virtue of arrangements by the commission with the railway companies at Buenos Aires A cargo would be taken up by one of the regular steamers of the commis-Inasmuch as the commission had negotiated an arrangement with all of the belligerent governments that ships flying the commission's flag would be immune from attack at sea, they were able to charter ships and obtain rates MANY HARD PROBLEMS SOLVED at less than normal, due time, arrived at Rotterdam, and was there discharged into lighters, which are under time charter to the down the canals from Rotterdam into the five milling centers in Belgium The flour mills in these five cities are operated on behalf of the commission, The wheat is milled into 80 pe the bran is sold to the municipal dairies commission can stand the shock of in- to feed the cattle and thereby maintain the cycle of milk supply for the this hemisphere will begin here toloaded into lighters and is distributed into provincial warehouses of the com-mission. From these warehouses it is last six days. Although neither the again distributed into 'arrendissemen ties come to the arrondissement waremunes pay in cash to the arrondissement managers the stipulated price of thing more tangible than speeches or flour, and having removed it to the promises-a union of interest and purcommunal warehouses there begins one of the most interesting phenomena in the detailed measures taken to secure absolute economy and j method of distribution. and justice in the of flour, in the first instance, the joint Adoo says the present conference comes organizations required the communes at an opportune time when the needed plete list of their customers. These form, to develop solidarity among the lists were compared with the communal record and a defigite number of persons are assigned to each baker for him to supply with bread. The baker is put in bond to supply 225 grammes of good bread made from no other material than that of the commission (in order to prevent adulteration) daily to each adult customer, and at a East Room at the White House at noon, price fixed by the commission this purpose he received daily from the communal warehouse 250 grammes the flour to the baker at the same price which they pay for it. The baker is compelled to sell the bread to his customers for the same price that pays for the flour, but, inasmuch as bread made from 250 grammes of flour increases to 325 grammes of bread, by virtue of the water porated in baking, the baker thus obtains a small margin of profit with travention by the baker of the minut

rule set down means the punishment of having his list of customers assigned to some competitor. The same system applies handling of other materials. On the benevolent side, those who cannot af-ford to buy their bread from the baker or their groceries from the grocer, ap ply to the communal authorities, and on investigation, are given tickets or equal a certain ration per head in each family per diem. The communal store is stocked with foodstuffs partly imported and as stated above, partly pur-chased locally by the communes from the cash partially supplied to them by In addition handling of the imported food supplies the commission now handles a con-It is of some interest to follows the siderable amount of internal food pro Take the case potatoes in some portions of Belgium mission recently purchased 5,000 tons profit to themselves. This grain would of coffee from the stores commandered Antwerp and has resold this

WILSON WILL WELCOME PAN-AMERICAN GUESTS

Financial Conference, to Last for Six Days, Will Hold First Session To-Day.

HIGH HOPES FOR CLOSER UNION

Secretary McAdoo Says Gathering Comes at Opportune Time, When Needed Spirit of Co-Operation Must Take Definite Form.

WASHINGTON, May 23.-The Pan-American Financial Conference in spoken word, those who have planned it expect to see come from it somethe peace of the world and the better ment of humanity.

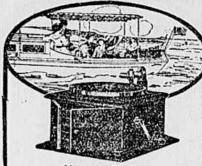
In a statement to-night Secretary Mc. sprit of co-operation must take definite republics of this hemisphere

In addition to the President's address, speeches will be made at the opening session by Secretary and by a delegate from each South and Central American country. The President will receive the delegates in the For and later addresses will be made at an-Adoo and Redfield and Postmaster-General Burleson. A reception will be given to-morrow night by Secretaries

An important message which Brizil's representatives are said to have brought to the United States was the subject of discussion to-night among the delegates. The message is said to refer to the shipping situation.

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